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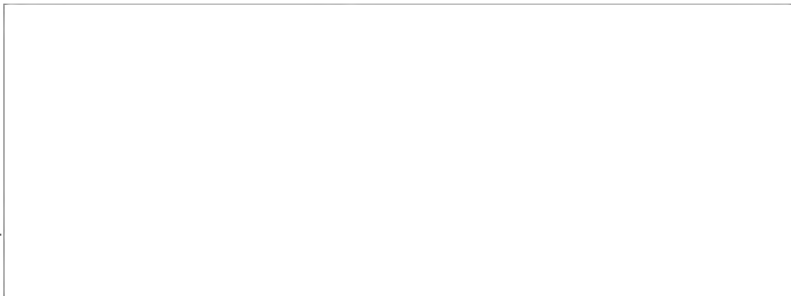1. Vietnam   50X1

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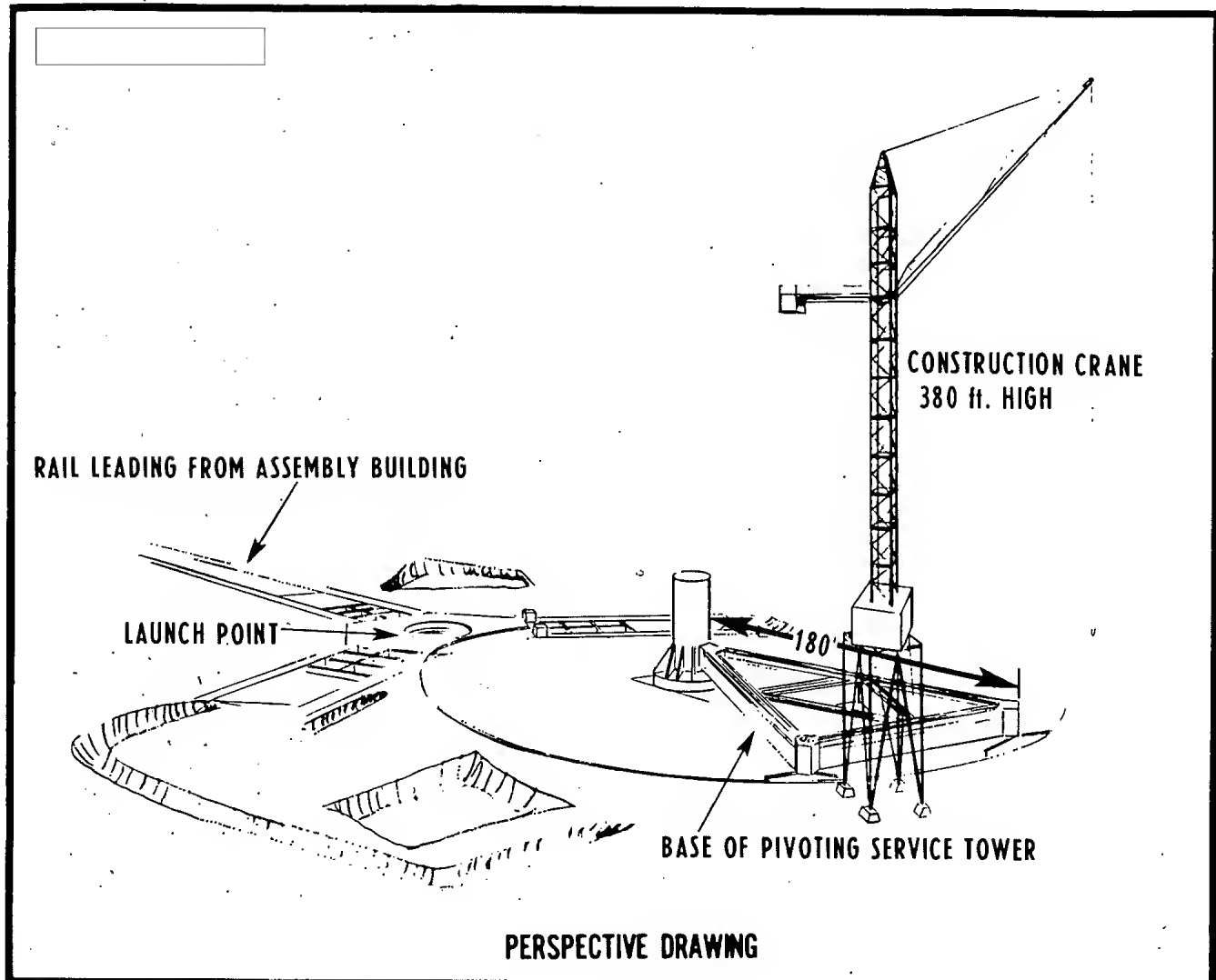
3. India   Mrs. Gandhi's only opponent in
tomorrow's caucus to choose a prime
minister--aging Congress Party stalwart
Morarji Desai--has withdrawn, according
to late press reports.
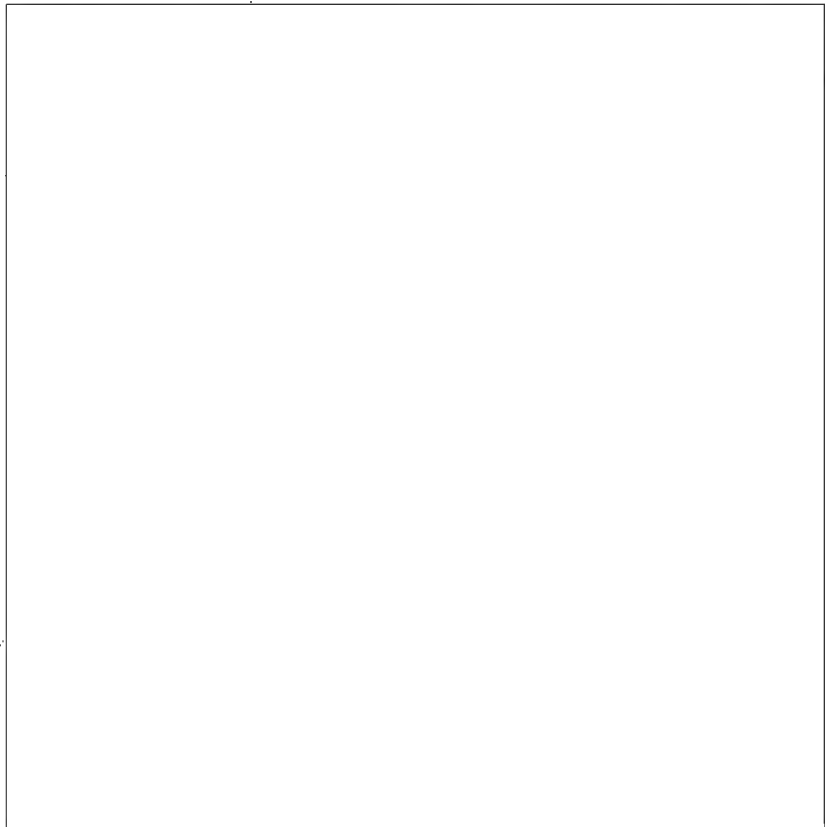
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NEW SOVIET SPACE LAUNCH FACILITY AT TYURATAM

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CONSTRUCTION CRANE
380 ft. HIGH

RAIL LEADING FROM ASSEMBLY BUILDING

LAUNCH POINT

180'

BASE OF PIVOTING SERVICE TOWER

PERSPECTIVE DRAWING

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4. Soviet Union

The Soviets are moving ahead rapidly on their huge new space launch facility at Tyuratam.

The latest satellite photography shows the base for a massive swiveling service tower at one of the two identical launch pads. This tower--expected to be well over 300 feet high--will pivot up to the pad to fuel and service the booster rocket, and then swing back before the launch. (See sketch)
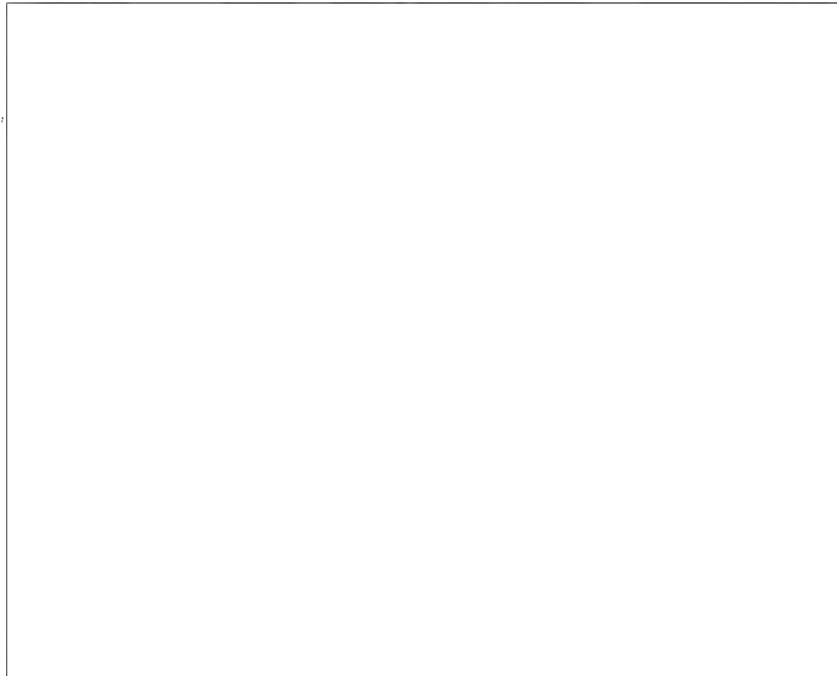
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5. France

The French press is saying De Gaulle will soon announce his intention to visit Canada this year. We believe such an announcement could come after Sunday's elections. De Gaulle would most likely show up for France's "national day"-- 25 July--at Montreal's EXPO 67, and also visit Quebec City and Ottawa.

Pearson might try to promote a meeting between President Johnson and De Gaulle. He would figure to be included in any meeting on Canadian soil.

6. Pakistan

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7. Indonesia

A committee of Congress today voted to strip Sukarno of his title of President. This is farther than Suharto probably wanted to go ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯ ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯. We still expect he will try to keep Congress from putting Sukarno on trial.

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8. Soviet Union

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9. El Salvador

Plans are under way to have President-elect Sanchez represent the country at Punta del Este. This would permit President Rivera to baby-sit at home with his vice president, whom he is afraid to leave in charge.

Rivera may yet find a way to go himself

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